

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-9 are presented. Claims 1 and 4 are original. Claims 5-9 are new.

The specification has been amended to replace the second full paragraph on page 7. As is apparent from Figure 5, the vehicle travels either in a two-wheel driving mode or in a four-wheel driving mode by engaging or disengaging the power transmission to the front wheels at a clutch mechanism 17. This means that the rear wheel driving load is applied to an HST output shaft 32 regardless of a position of the clutch mechanism 17 thus, "the front-wheel driving load applied to the output shaft 32" on page 7, line 16 and line 23 now reads "the front/rear-wheel driving load." No new matter has been added.


The Examiner indicated that claims 3 and 4 would be allowable if presented in independent format. Claim 1 has now been amended to include the limitations of claims 1-3. Claim 4 has been made dependent on claim 1. New claims 5 and 6 depend from the now allowable claim 1.

Independent claim 7 is new. It patterns claim 1 as amended except for the port block limitation. Since no cited reference discloses an HST having two, first and second, hydraulic motors, claim 7 and claims 8 and 9 dependent thereon should be allowable.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is urged that this case is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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